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Section 1: Preliminary Statements:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the manual of patent examining procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed is Form PTO-1449 listing references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references are enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the office in accordance with MPEP §609.

Section 2. FORM 1449

A list of the references is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Material to Examination Not Found In Patents or Publications

Reference is made to co-pending related applications as specified below. Both of the co-pending applications specified below have been assigned or shall be assigned to the assignee of the above-referenced application. A copy of each of the references cited below is submitted herewith as described below:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/651,390 (Attorney Docket No. 36529/SAH/S850; titled: "Virtualized Printing of Indicia, Logos and Graphics") filed August 29, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/651,389 (Attorney Docket No. 40275/SAH/S850; titled: "Method and Apparatus for Printing Indicia Logos and Graphics Onto Print Media") filed August 29, 2000.

Both of the co-pending applications specified below have been assigned or shall be assigned to the assignee of the above-referenced application. Portions of both of the co-pending applications referenced below are proprietary to the assignee until a patent issuing therefrom is published under 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14. Both of the below-identified applications have been redacted for publication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.217. A copy as redacted for publication of each of the references cited below is submitted herewith. A marked-up copy of each of the references cited showing in brackets material redacted from publication is submitted herewith under MPEP § 724.02 in a sealed container labeled in accordance with MPEP § 724.02. Reference is made to co-pending related applications as follows:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/820,292 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0042/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Parcel,

Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Returns Shipping Management") filed on March 27, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/820,377 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0041/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Parcel, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Enterprise Parcel Shipping Management") filed March 27, 2001.

All of the co-pending applications specified below have been assigned or shall be assigned to the assignee of the above-referenced application. All of the co-pending applications referenced below are proprietary to the assignee until a patent issuing therefrom is published under 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14. The inventions disclosed therein have not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications. Further, the applications listed below will not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). A copy of each of the references cited below is submitted herewith under MPEP § 724.02 in a sealed container labeled in accordance with MPEP § 724.02. Reference is made to co-pending related applications as follows:

Pages 1-3 and 98-106 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,010 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0002/MRK; titled: "Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Functional Alignment of Computer Devices") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,010 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-3 and 98-104 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,871 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0003/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Shipping Location Comparison Across Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,871 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Disclosure Statement is filed);

Pages 1-3 and 98-108 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,870 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0007/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Parcel Handling Rules Comparison Across Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.

09/684,870 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Disclosure Statement is filed);

Pages 1-3 and 98-103 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,808 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0008/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Interfacing with Digital Scales Configured with Remote Client Computer Devices") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,808 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-3 and 98-112 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,869 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0009/MRK; titled: "Reporting Shipping Rates and Delivery Schedules for Multiple Service and Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,869 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-6 and 100-117 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,078 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0010/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Notification Service Option Comparison for Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,078 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-7 and 102-123 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,649 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0012/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Delivery Service Option Comparison for Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,649 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-4 and 100-124 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,654 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0015/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for

Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Shipping Rate and Delivery Schedule Comparison for Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,654 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-3 and 98-104 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,865 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0019/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Applying Billing Options for Multiple Carriers for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,865 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-5 and 100-116 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,077 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0020/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Determination of Ratable Weight for Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,077 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-3 and 97-100 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,014 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0023/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Zone Level Rating for each of Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,014 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed);

Pages 1-3 and 97-100 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,861 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0024/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Determining Delivery Time Schedules for each of Multiple Carriers") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,861 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed); and

Pages 1-3 and 98-110 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,152 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0034/MRK; titled: "Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Printing Dimensionally Accurate Symbologies on Laser Printers Configured with Remote Client Computer Devices") filed October 6, 2000 (the Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description of the Invention, Illustrative Embodiments sections and the drawings of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,152 are substantially identical to the corresponding sections and the drawings respectively of the above-identified application for which this Information Statement Disclosure is filed).

Respectfully submitted,

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